

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties number: CAR-294

Name: HUBBS RD. OVER WATTS CREEK

The bridge referenced herein was inventoried by the Maryland State Highway Administration as part of the Historic Bridge Inventory, and SHA provided the Trust with eligibility determinations in February 2001. The Trust accepted the Historic Bridge Inventory on April 3, 2001. The bridge received the following determination of eligibility.

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Eligibility Recommended <u>X</u>	Eligibility Not Recommended _____
Criteria: <u> </u> A <u> </u> B <u>X</u> C <u> </u> D Considerations: <u> </u> A <u> </u> B <u> </u> C <u> </u> D <u> </u> E <u> </u> F <u> </u> G <u> </u> None	
Comments: _____ _____ _____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>Anne E. Bruder</u>	Date: <u>3 April 2001</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>Peter E. Kurtze</u>	Date: <u>3 April 2001</u>

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MHT Number CAR-294

Location:

City/Town: Denton Vicinity X

Ownership: State X County Municipal Other

Is the bridge located within a designated district: yes **X** no

__locally designated__other

Name of District_____

☐ Timber Bridge
☐ Beam Bridge ☐ Truss-Covered ☐ Trestle
☐ Timber-and-Concrete

__Stone Arch

Metal Truss

Movable Bridge

☐ Swing
 ☐ Bascule Single Leaf
 ☐ Bascule Multiple Leaf
☐ Vertical Lift
 ☐ Retractable
 ☐ Pontoon

X Metal Girder

X Rolled Girder __ Rolled Girder Concrete Encased
__ Plate Girder __ Plate Girder Concrete Encased

Metal Suspension

__Metal Arch

☐ Metal Cantilever

☐ Concrete

☐ Concrete Arch ☐ Concrete Slab ☐ Concrete Beam

☐ Rigid Frame

☐ Other Type Name _____

Description:

Describe Setting:

Bridge No. CO 25 carries Hobbs Road (Maryland Route. 107F) southeast-northwest over Watts Creek in Caroline County, Maryland. Watts Creek generally flows northeast to southeast at this location. The southeast approach is straight and descends downwards to the bridge. The Northwest approach is level and slightly curved. The areas along the margin of the creek and the southeast approach to the bridge are wooded. Residences are located to the northwest of the bridge. A steel cable and post approach guardrail extend for a short distance to the northwest of the bridge.

Describe Superstructure and Substructure:

Bridge No. CO 25, built 1936, is a simple span steel beam bridge, with a concrete deck supported on timber piles. This structure is a single span bridge 38' in length, and has a clear roadway width of 30'. The piles are treated timber and the handrails are concrete.

Discuss Major Alterations:

Bridge inspection reports from 1960-1970 indicate that the bridge was always in good condition throughout this time period. The only modification of the bridge appears to be the replacement of a portion of the concrete deck in 1988.

History:

When Built: 1936

Why Built: Statewide road improvement program and local transportation needs.

Who Built: Unknown

Why Altered: Not applicable

Was this bridge built as part of an organized bridge building campaign: Yes, this bridge was built as part of the statewide road improvement program for local transportation needs.

Surveyor Analysis:

This bridge may have NR significance for association with:

☐ A Events ☐ Person

☒ C Engineering/Architectural

Was this bridge constructed in response to significant events in Maryland or local history:

As early as 1885, and perhaps earlier, a bridge crossed Watts Creek in this location. Bridge CO 25 carried the road which was the most direct route between the towns of Hobbs, and Denton. In addition to servicing transportation and communication between these towns, this bridge was one of the few crossings of Watts Creek in this vicinity. This bridge helped to meet local transportation needs, serving as a conduit for small county, and farm roads.

When the bridge was built and/or given a major alteration, did it have a significant impact on the growth and development of the area?

No, the construction of this bridge did not have significant impact upon the development of this area. Between 1905 and 1974, population appears to have decreased in the vicinity of the bridge.

Is the bridge located in an area which may be eligible for historic designation and would the bridge add to or detract from historic and visual character of the possible district?

No, this bridge is not located in an area which is eligible for historic designation.

Is the bridge a significant example of its type?

This bridge may be a significant example of its type.

Does the bridge retain integrity of the important elements described in the Context Addendum?

This bridge retains integrity of the primary character elements as described in the Context Addendum.

Should this bridge be given further study before significance analysis is made and Why?

No further study of the bridge is recommended. The bridge is eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

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1944 Denton 7.5' Quadrangle, photorevised 1973.

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1944 Hobbs 7.5' Quadrangle, photorevised 1974.

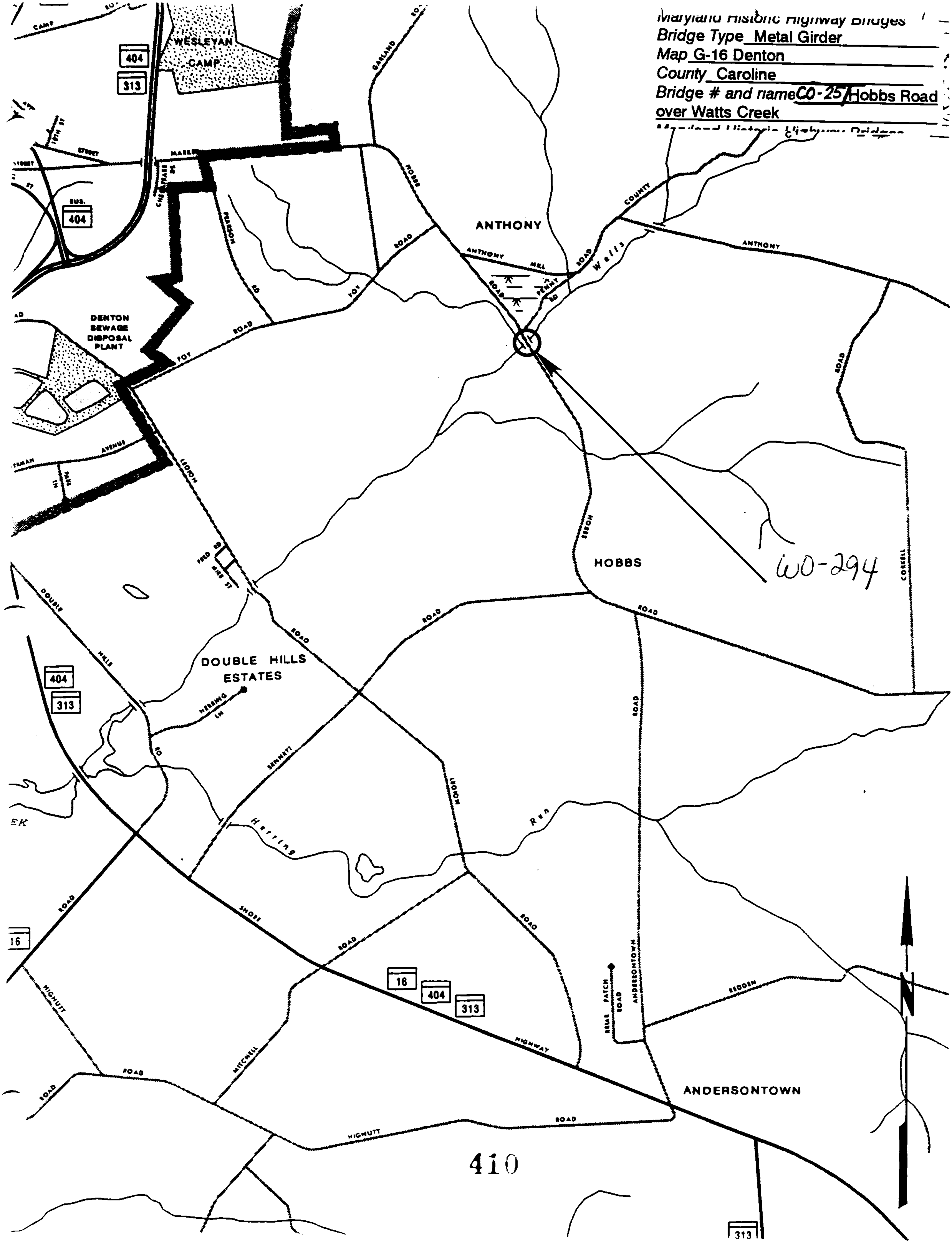
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Maryland Historic Highway Bridges
Bridge Type Metal Girder
Map G-16 Denton
County Caroline
Bridge # and name CO-25/Hobbs Road
over Watts Creek





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BRIDGE NO. CO-25, VIEW SE ALONG HOBBS ROAD

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BRIDGE No. CO-25, VIEW NW ON HOBBS ROAD

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BRIDGE No. CO-25, LOOKING UPSTREAM (NE)

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BRIDGE NO. CO-25, LOOKING DOWNSTREAM (SW)

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